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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700 In re Application of LASALLE R. SWENSON ET AL. Examiner: Lyle Alexander Serial No. 09/844,086 Art Unit: 1743 Filed: April 27, 2001 ADSORPTIVE METHOD FOR **DETERMINING A SURFACE PROPERTY** OF A SOLID

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)3)

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Dear Sir:

In addition to the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the above identified application, applicants wish to point out the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which the Examiner may find relevant.

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Copies of all listed documents are attached hereto.

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Initialing of each document after its consideration by the Examiner is now respectfully requested in this matter.

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